



NEWSLETTER

Critical Incident in South Bristol

As you will be aware, there was a critical incident in Knowle West at the weekend, in which two teenagers tragically lost their lives. I have been attending regular briefings regarding the city-wide response to this tragedy this week and will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

As we come together as a City to try to deal with, process and ultimately avoid a repeat of the tragic events of Saturday 27 January, all school leaders have been asked to ask parents/carers to monitor closely their child's social media activity. We are aware of unhelpful social media posts circulating, which are largely sharing misinformation or rumouring. Whilst we do not for one moment think that our children are the source of the posts, we advise that under no circumstances should they share, like or comment on such posts. We also strongly recommend that they remove themselves from any groups where such posts are being shared.

Our thoughts are with our neighbours in Knowle West and all those affected both directly and indirectly by this tragedy. Whilst I am not aware of any direct connection to any family within our community, if you or your child has been affected by these events, please do let us know.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who cast a vote in the recent Parent Governor election and of course thank you to our three candidates: Jo Sweetman, Philip Allan and Alex Prichard, who would have each undoubtedly been an asset to our Governing Body.

The vote closed on Wednesday and the count was confirmed on Thursday evening, with Jo Sweetman being elected by majority vote. Congratulations to Jo and thank you again to Alex and Philip for putting themselves forward for this invaluable role.

Athletics

On Thursday, a selection of Year 4 children made their way down to Ashton Park to represent the school in an indoor athletics competition. There were javelins thrown, shot putts launched and many hurdles were jumped to name just a few of the skill sets on show from our fantastic children. This was all followed by the highly contested and fast-paced relay races, with the team managing to earn themselves an excellent 3rd place finish overall. Well done to all those children involved - you really did do a fantastic job of representing the year group and entire school with pride! Mr Rogers



eBook Library Logins

At Southville we are really fortunate that children in Reception and Year 1 are able to take home a physical copy of a decodable book and they are also able to access a decodable eBook online. If your child is in one of these year groups, the details of your child's Collins eBook may have changed. Please keep a lookout for their new login details, along with information about the website, in their bag so you can make the most of this excellent resource. Thank you, Ms Armstrong

La Crêperie Southville

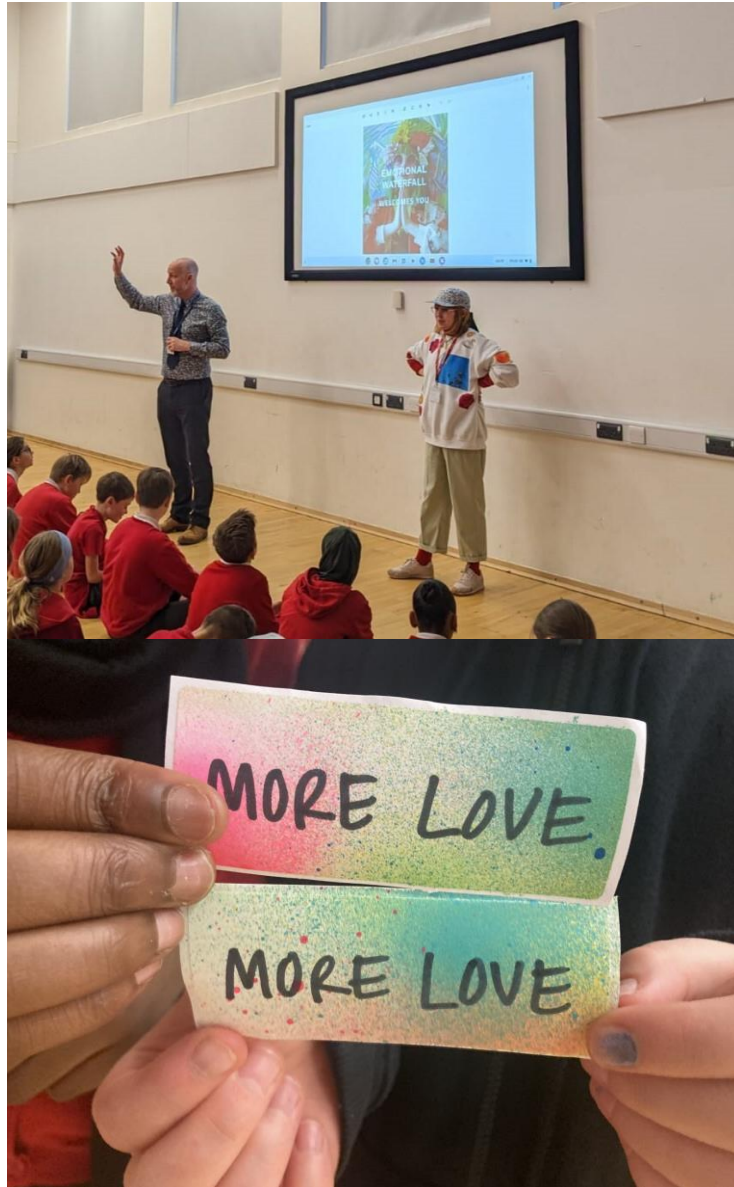
This afternoon children at Myrtle enjoyed speaking French and eating French style pancakes in the hall. Thank you to everyone involved and to parents and carers for their contributions to buy ingredients. We will still be accepting donations of £1 next week towards the costs.

I would particularly like to thank Madame Turvey who has helping the children to practise the phrases needed to ask for a crêpe, and to Mrs Mathias and Ms Poole who have between them made hundreds of crêpes! Merci beaucoup!

Whole School Assembly Theme

This week we welcomed Jemma Bursnell in for our assembly to talk to the children about her art and her plans for the piece she will be doing at Merrywood during Southfest. It was lovely to see photos of the many and varied pieces of art she has created over the years, from murals to pianos and everything in between. Jemma, who works professionally as 'Emotional Waterfall' spoke to the children about what motivates and inspires her as an artist.

Not only did Jemma tell the children she will be creating a forest school-themed mural at our Merrywood site, she left every child with their own piece of original artwork on Monday - these beautiful handmade 'More Love' stickers.



Next week, we will be sharing a specially recorded video message from Venessa Scott, who is in the process of designing a piece for our Myrtle site.

Merrywood Garden

We have great plans for the Merrywood garden this year and would really appreciate any garden donations!

To get growing we are looking for:

- Mini greenhouses
- Large pots
- Compost
- Seeds and plants
- Trellis
- Seed trays
- and a compost aerator!

If you have any of the above which are ready to be loved in a new home, we would be really grateful. Many thanks in advance.

Superb Swimming

Congratulations to Vincent in Year 6 who recently won a massive trophy for most improved academy swimmer 2022/23 at City of Bristol Swimming Club! What an achievement!



Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman